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1. The Paraguayan government is reported to be determined to remove General Emilio Diaz de Vivar, Commander-in-Chief of the Paraguayan Armed Forces, because of his desire to reorganize the army along professional lines. The government does not want this to happen as it would mean that sooner or later the Army would be in a position to overthrow the present civilian regime. The government wants a Paraguayan army whose ranks would be filled with reserve officers loyal to the Democratic Colorados.

- 25X1X 2. [REDACTED] Major General Francisco Caballero Alvarez, Commander of the Second Military Zone at Concepcion and sympathetic to the present government, may be the successor to Diaz de Vivar. It is rumored that Diaz de Vivar will be appointed Ambassador to Spain.

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3. On 19 October 1949, Chief of Police Epifanio Mendez Fleitas held a prolonged conference in his office attended by Campo Grande Commander Major Nestor Ferreira, Commander of the First Infantry Regiment Major Garcia de Zuniga, Major Anibal Clavell, and Minister of Justice and Labor Guillermo Enciso Velloso.* [REDACTED] the outcome of the conference.

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- 25X1X 4. [REDACTED] alleged head of Argentine military intelligence in Paraguay, has reported that Clavell recently stated that Diaz de Vivar would be removed from his position by the end of October. Clavell added that his son, Major Anibal Clavell, is supporting the government.**

- 25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The Army positions are as reported by source. The latest information available places Major Nestor Ferreira as Commander of the First Cavalry Regiment and Major Garcia de Zuniga as Commander of the Fourteenth Infantry Regiment, with General Diaz de Vivar serving as temporary Commander of the First Cavalry Division at Campo Grande and General Alfredo Stroessner as Commander of the First Artillery Regiment at Paraguari.

- 25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. Major Clavell of the Paraguayan army is a Paraguayan citizen; his father an Argentine. He has recently returned to Asuncion from the United States after completing a course of instruction at the Adjutant General's School at Camp Lee, Virginia.

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